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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: White House Discussion of CIA Congressional Relationships**

1. As a result of the letter from the DCI to General Goodpaster dated 22 October 1958, the Director, accompanied by John S. Warner, met at the White House with the following:

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| <b>Bryce N. Harlow</b>   | <b>Deputy Assistant to the President<br/>(for Congressional Relations)</b>                    |
| <b>Gerald D. Morgan</b>  | <b>Deputy Assistant to the President</b>  |
| <b>Edward A. McCabe</b>  | <b>Administrative Assistant to the<br/>President</b>  |
| <b>David Kendall</b>     | <b>Special Counsel to the President</b>   |
| <b>Robert E. Merriam</b> | <b>Deputy Assistant to the President<br/>(for Interdepartmental Matters)</b>                  |
| <b>Jack Z. Anderson</b>  | <b>Administrative Assistant to the<br/>President (former Congressman<br/>from California)</b> |

It will be recalled that Gerald Morgan was Special Counsel to the President and was replaced by David Kendall. Mr. McCabe was an Associate Special Counsel under Morgan and has now moved over with Morgan in his new assignment. Morgan and Harlow have generally assumed previous duties performed by General Persons.

2. The Director opened the meeting by referring to his letter to General Goodpaster. Specifically mentioned was Mr. Cannon's request for some method of briefing the Appropriations Committee on world events to furnish them a background against which they could more effectively deal with appropriation matters. The Director did mention the 24 appearances by the Agency before various committees during the past session of Congress. The "Watch Dog Committee" issue was quickly brought into the conversation by one of the White House representatives. Mr. Harlow stated that the

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President was "utterly appalled" at the thought of a Joint Committee for the Agency and the position was "categorically against" such a Committee.

3. After discussion of the possibilities of the weekly secret bulletin being made available to Mr. Cannon, it was generally agreed that no papers should be circulated. It was proposed that Mr. Dulles talk to Mr. Cannon to explore other possibilities including Mr. Dulles initially giving a general briefing and making available to the Committee on a periodic basis an appropriate Agency official to conduct oral briefings.

4. In connection with the briefing issue and the Joint Committee issue, Mr. Harlow suggested the desirability of the Director discussing the matter with Mr. Vinson with the view of a meeting with Mr. Rayburn to include Mr. Vinson, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Mr. Cannon, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and Mr. Morgan, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Harlow suggested that possibly Mr. Dawson, Chairman of Government Operations and Mr. Durham, Chairman of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, be included. The matter of including Dawson was queried on the grounds that there was no evidence that Government Operations intended to look into CIA matters and, in fact, there was some indication to the contrary. It was further suggested that substantially the same procedure be followed on the Senate side to include a discussion by the Director with Senator Russell, then a meeting with Senator Johnson, Senator Bridges, Senator Hayden, the Senate Minority Leader - presumably Mr. Dirksen - and possibly Senator Mansfield. At each of these larger meetings the question of a possible Joint Committee should be discussed frankly. Specifically, Mr. Harlow indicated the desirability of his being included when the Director sees Mr. Vinson.

5. The DCI explained that in the past he had always cleared requests from congressional committees, other than Appropriations, with the Chairman of the Senate and House Armed Services, as the case might be. In addition, he mentioned the fact that he had mentioned such requests to White House representatives although he had not notified the White House of the briefings of our own subcommittees in Appropriations and Armed Services nor in the case of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee.

s/ John S. Warner

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